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ADD/A (Colonel White)

2 May 1952

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1. Met with Mr. Saunders and [REDACTED] to discuss proper action to be taken to relieve the situation in the Finance Division ([REDACTED] shop). They believe that thirteen additional people in their pool, making a total of thirty, would be adequate. Mr. Saunders has taken a number of steps to help alleviate the situation there to include temporary detail of the Chief, Fiscal Division, to the Chief, Finance Division. Messrs. Saunders and [REDACTED] also have a proposal to set up a staff of high level accountants outside of the chain of command to take care of our special needs which are presently being met by task forces made up from people in the chain of command. I wholeheartedly approve of this procedure and indicated that I would approve such an increase in the table of organization. All of this will be formalized within a few days. We also discussed the relation of the Comptroller to the present setup in the Commercial Division and it was agreed that we would discuss this next with [REDACTED]

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2. Walter Pforzheimer reports that Congressman Prouty, who previously requested statistics concerning the number of people we have engaged in budget work, has withdrawn his request.

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that fourteen people have now been cleared, and one is in the mill, for whom they had no slots prior to the establishment of a ceiling and what does he do. I told him to have Personnel get in touch with me and that I would authorize their entry on duty, the excess to be absorbed by normal attrition.

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5. I told [REDACTED] to hold up reproduction on the Employees' Handbook until I had read Personnel's draft. This was submitted by Personnel without DD/A clearance, although it had been cleared by Shef Edwards.

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[REDACTED] Jim Garrison reports that arrangements have been made for the purchase of [REDACTED] in order to meet the deadline of the operators.

8. Jim Garrison also reports that a Mr. Vasquez is alleged to be procuring hardware in Mexico. We have no connection with him and we have made the necessary arrangements with the Department of State to pull the rug from under him.

9. Talked to Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] Far East Division, concerning a proposed cable to the Far East in connection with the completion of our hardware survey. The cable should be ready early next week. 25X1A9a

10. Talked to [REDACTED] about recruiting some young accountants from this year's graduating classes to be sent out to the field after training here. I asked him to talk to [REDACTED] about requirements. (Ted is thinking of about ten. I told him that I agreed with his idea and thought we would be justified in getting deferment for those draft eligibles if they went overseas within six months.) 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

11. Shef Edwards reports that he has examined the cases which he is attempting to expedite for the OSO Registry. His check shows his average total processing time to be one month and sixteen days, which, after all, is pretty close to the six weeks which he committed himself to. However, there have been a number of cases which were not marked as "Registry" cases when received by I&S, as well as a number of disapprovals.